(ग) मध्य प्रदेश से खरीफ 1994 की फसल के लिये कोई दावे प्राप्त नहीं हुए हैं, जिसमें फसल बीमा योजना के तहत सोयाबीन भी शामिल है ।

Agition by the Employees of State Farm Corporation of India

1508. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to tate :

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of the State Farm Corporation of India have been agitating for quite some time now :

(b) if so, the details of the salient points on which the employees have resorted to agitation path;

(c) whether this undertaking of Government had been running profitably out for the last two years it has been incurring losses; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The details of salient points on which the employees of State Farms Corporation of India (SFCI) Limited have resorted to agitational path w.e.f. 7-11-1994 are as under :

(i) Implementation of agreement in full reached and signed by the Management and the Union on 7th February, 1992.

(ii) Introduction of time bound Promotion Policy.

(iii) 100% promotion may be given to the employees who have completed 8 years of service in the same post till introduction of promotion policy.

(iv) All vacant posts may be filled up by promotion through departmental candidates on seniority basis.

(v) Regularisation of daily-paid workers.

(vi) Enhancement of medical ceilings due to high rise in prices of medicines and reimbursement through salary.

(vii) Reimbursement of medical bills to the employees working under IDA pay scales according to the procedure of Central DA pattern.

(viii) The employees who are getting less salary under IDA pay scales may be considered to bring them at per with CDA employees.

(ix) Introduction of 5th round of wage negotiations with the Union for implementation w.e.f. 1-1-1992 in respect of the employees working under IDA scales as per the decision taken by the Government of India.

(x) Till introduction of 5th round of wage policy, kindly consider interim relief of Rs. 100 per month to the employees working under IDA pay scales through agreement with the Union and signing of undertaking as per the previous procedure.

(xi) Introduction of pay scales of Rs. 1640-2900 to the employees working under the pay scales of Rs. 425-800 (pre-revised)

(xii) Introductionof Uniform, Uniform Allowance and Canteen Allowance/Subsidy.

(xiii) Request to provide full fledged Union Office for union activities.

(xiv) Request for silver jublee celebration of State Farms Corporation of India.

(c) Financial performance of State Farms Corporation of India (SFCI) Limited since 1985-86 has been indicated at the enclosed.

Statement (*See* below) It has been observed that the Corporation had earned only a token profit in the year 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92. Prior to that, the Corporation had been suffering losses in its working and the accumulated loss of the Corporation was to the tune of Rs. 954.14 lakhs at the end of March, 1988. Inspite of profit earned during the period from 1988-89 to 1991-92, the Corporation had not paid any dividend to the Government of India on account of equity investment made by the Government from time to time.

(d) The following are the main reasons for loss incurred by the Corporation during the year 1992-93 and 1993-94 :

(i) Increse in the wage and salary of the employees as per recommendation of High Powered Pay Committee (H.P.C.C.).

(ii) Increase in the price of fertilisers/ pesticides.

(iii) Disposal of 35,000 quintals of wheat and 16,000 quintals of paddy seeds as grain due to glut in the market.

(iv) Increase in interest liability on cash credit facility for working capital and mortality loss of plantation at Chengam due to failure of Monsoon.

(v) The agricultural operation of Bahraich Farm was badly affected due to Ayodhya incident in U.P. in Rabi, 1992-93

(vi) Excessive damage to mustard crops by painted bug which come in the form of epidemic in Rajasthan and Haryana during October and November, 1992.

(vii) Late receipt of Monsoon in Haryana and Rajasthan affecting the sowing operations in the major Central State Farms located in these two States. Consequently, there was a reduction in the production of the Corporation by 1.40 lakh quintals in 1992-93 in comparison to 1991-92.

(viii) Heavy frost formation during the month of February, 1993 damaging gram and mustard crops at Farms located in Haryan and Rajasthan.

(ix) Closure of canal for a period of 22 days from 24th December, 1992 to 14th January, 1993 affecting the sowing of Rabi crops at Jetsar Farm.

(x) Frequent changes in the rester system of canal in Rajasthan farms ledt o uncertainty in covering targetted area under wheat The erratic nature of discharge of water into the canal adversely affected the wheat crop, as it did not receive enough water at the required stage. Grain was shrivelled, adversely affecting seed recovery percentages.

(xi) There was an abnormal flood in the month of July, 1993 at Suratgarh and Sardargarh which led to submergence of large area under crops at these farms. Entire area could not be brought under crops as envisaged. Due to torrential downpour at Central State Farm, Hissar in July, 1993, the water stagnation was experienced over large areas which damaged Kharif crops extensively.

(xii) Cyclonic rains/storms at Central State Farm, Raichur and Chengam caused damage to the crops.

(xiii) The working of Kokilabari Farm in the State of Assam was disturbed due to BODO agitation.

(xiv) Aralam Farm faced a prolonged strike for nearly four months which severely affected the farm performance. Planting material died and harvesting of fruits could not be completed in time.

(xv) The investment required to create necessary infrastructure for assured irrigation and replacement of machinery could not be made, since the term loans applied for has not been sanctioned by the commercial banks under National Seeds Project Phase-III (N.S.P. III).

Statement

Financial Performance of SFCI since 1985-86

Year	Profit (+) / Loss (—) For the Year as per P/L Account	Accumulated Profit (+)/Loss (—)
1985-86	(—) 23-63	(—) 767.89
1986-87	(+) 5.35	(—) 762.54
1987-88	(—)191.60	(—) 954.14
1988-89	(+)140.69	(—) 813.45
1989-90	(+) 90.44	(—) 723.02
1990-91	(+)141.62	(—) 581.39
1991-92	(+)208.14	(—) 373.25
1992-93	(—)603.88	(—) 977.12
1993-94	(—)176.44	(—)1153.56
1994-95	(+)50.00 (anticipated)	(—)1103.56 (anticipated)